GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2877
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
LOSSES TO KONKAN RAILWAYS
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Konkan Railway is running into heavy losses;

(b) if so, the details about losses, differences, repayment of loans during the last three years;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether his Ministry has taken up steps to get back the contribution from the State Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to make Konkan Railways more efficient and self supported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2877 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2002 BY SHRI KIRIT SOMAIYA REGARDING LOSSES TO KONKAN RAILWAYS

(a) to (c): The Corporation is able to meet its working expenses from the revenue generated. However, on accounts of provisions required to be made for the financing cost incurred on market borrowings during the construction phase and on depreciation, the Corporation is showing a loss in its Balance Sheet. The net loss during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 was Rs. 340 crores, Rs. 385 crores and Rs. 382 crores respectively. The redemption of bonds made by KRCL is Rs.445.09 crores.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. State Governments who have not yet paid their full equity amount are being regularly chased. The details of equity amount yet to be realised from various States is as follows:

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Government of Maharashtra     -    Rs.17.1550 crores
Government of Kerala          -    Rs. 0.3879 crores
Government of Goa             -    Rs. 5.2380 crores
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The State Governments are also not sharing the liabilities arising out of debt servicing.

(f): The Corporation has made out a Business Plan enumerating various steps being taken to increase their revenue. These are as follows:

i) Augmentation of traffic earnings by carrying out a strong marketing drive.

ii) Marketing its construction expertise by:

- Trying to bid for international contracts for railway construction.
- Taking up specialised construction works such as highways and tunneling within the country.

iii) Pursuing Sky Bus Metro System in domestic and international market.

iv) Implementing the installation, after testing, of an Anti- Collision Device (ACD) developed by the KRC on the Indian Railway system.